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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 5, 7
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

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Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S. C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed reference listed in the information Disclosure submitted on 09/20/00, 11/27/01 have been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
3. **Claim 1**, rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kondo Haruo

JP5091009 (Nippon Telegraph).

Regarding **Claim 1**, Kondo teaches a wireless resource allocation method in a wireless communication system including a plurality of wireless terminals and a single access point, the method comprising the steps of: (a) allocating a wireless resource to a corresponding wireless terminal and receiving data from said wireless terminal in said access point; (b) performing a check to determine whether there is an error in said data which was received from said wireless terminal in said access point in the step (a), and (c) sending an error occurrence message and allocating a wireless resource for retransmission of data to said wireless terminal simultaneously when the access point detects a data error in the step (b) (Abstract). Kondo does not mention that access point have a bridge function. However Kondo's method disclose that base station checks

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the error and send an error occurrence message at the time that an error detected. Therefore, Kondo inherently teaches a bridge function.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 2-3, 5, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Kondo Haruo JP5091009 (Nippon Telegraph) in view of Szalajski et al. (US Patent Number 6,275,487 B1).**

Regarding **Claim 2**, Kondo teach a wireless resource allocation method wherein, in the step (c), said error occurrence message is sent to the corresponding wireless terminal while said wireless resource for retransmission is allocated to the corresponding wireless terminal during a down-link period. Kondo does not mention that one frame comprising the down-link period and an up-link period. However Szalajski teaches that one frame comprising the down-link period and an up-link period (Column 1 lines 25-66). Therefore, it would have been obvious to ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use above teaching of Szalajski to Kondo, in order to minimize the deterioration in the transmission efficiency.

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Regarding **Claim 3**, Kondo fails to show that a wireless resource allocation method wherein said downlink period comprises a preamble for synchronization, a broadcast period, and a download reservation period. However Szalajski teaches a wireless resource allocation method wherein said downlink period comprises a preamble for synchronization, a broadcast period, and a download reservation period (Column 1 lines 45-55). Therefore, it would have been obvious to ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use above teaching of Szalajski to Kondo, in order to reduce transmission delay.

Regarding **Claim 5**, Kondo fails to show that a wireless resource allocation method wherein during said down-link period, said access point transmits a broadcast message and various control information. However Szalajski teaches a wireless resource allocation method wherein during said down-link period, said access point transmits a broadcast message and various control information (Column 1 lines 45-66). Therefore, it would have been obvious to ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use above teaching of Szalajski to Kondo, in order to provide a communication system with better performance delay.

6. **Claims 4, 6,** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ~~the admitted prior art in view of~~ Kondo Haruo JP5091009 (Nippon Telegraph) in view of Szalajski et al. (US Patent Number 6,275,487 B1) and in further view of Mahany (US Patent Number 5,696,903).

Regarding **Claim 4**, the combination of Kondo and Szalajski fails to show that a wireless resource allocation method wherein said up-link period comprises a contention period, and an upload reservation period. However Mahany teaches a wireless resource allocation method wherein said

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up-link period comprises a contention period, and an upload reservation period (Column 64 lines 4-20). Therefore, it would have been obvious to ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use above teaching of Mahany to the combination of Szalajski and Kondo, in order to provide a communication system with faster data transmission rate.

Regarding **Claim 6**, the combination of Kondo and Szalajski fails to show a wireless resource allocation method wherein said various control information includes a length of said download reservation period, a location and a length of a message which said wireless terminal receives during said download reservation period, a length of said contention period, a length of said upload reservation period, a location and a length allocated to a message which will be transmitted by said wireless terminal during said upload reservation period. However Mahany teaches a wireless resource allocation method wherein said various control information includes a length of said download reservation period, a location and a length of a message which said wireless terminal receives during said download reservation period, a length of said contention period, a length of said upload reservation period, a location and a length allocated to a message which will be transmitted by said wireless terminal during said upload reservation period (Column 19 lines 1-22). Therefore, it would have been obvious to ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use above teaching of Mahany to the combination of Szalajski and Kondo, in order to provide more advance wireless communication system.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's

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disclosure.

Itoh (US Patent 5,210,786) disclose portable telephone system using stratified exchange system

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